

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	\$	
Thomas Koithan et al.	\$	
	\$	Group Art Unit: 3672
Serial No.: 10/723,290	\$	
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Confirmation No.: 5565	\$	Examiner: Hoang C. Dang
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Filed: November 25, 2003	\$	
	\$	Customer No. 36735
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS	\$	
FOR APPLYING TORQUE AND	\$	
ROTATION TO CONNECTIONS	\$	

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 29, 2007**

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 29, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0310.P1/WBP the fee of \$400 for excess claims and for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.